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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 105

15 May 1951

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Lt. Col. Nutt	Navy
2571 Major Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. Comments on the first draft of the NIS Correlation Guide were made by the members from State, Army, and Air Force. The Navy member said that comments from his agency would be sent to the Chairman on 17 May. The Committee felt that the NIS Correlation Guide should be sent out as soon as possible.

D/B will include such of these comments as appear desirable and will prepare the final draft of the Guide for early dissemination. Each member is to indicate to D/B within the next few days the number of copies of the Guide which his agency requires.

3. The Navy member suggested the inclusion in the Correlation Guide of a list of appropriate key NIS personnel in the agencies together with their offices and telephone numbers. The Committee decided, however, to maintain such a list separately from the Correlation Guide. The Chairman requested all members to send to D/B lists of key NIS personnel for their respective agencies. D/B will then issue a consolidated list. Each member will indicate to the Chairman the number of copies of this list his agency requires. The Chairman requested members to keep D/B informed of any changes so that the information can be kept up to date.

4. Relative to the approval of the Chapter VII (Scientific) production schedule for FY 1952, the Chairman said he had been advised by the Chapter VII Coordinator that all members except Navy, of the Scientific Intelligence Committee, had approved on 10 May 1951 the schedule proposed by its Chairman. The Navy member said he would notify the Chairman, SIC, as soon as his agency had given approval. The SIC agreed that if practicable Switzerland should be covered later in the year.

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5. The Chairman informed the Committee that, while there had been general improvement in the subsection, "Comments on Principal Sources", there were still many instances of too brief and too generalized Comments. Specifically, the purpose of the Comments is threefold: a) to indicate to the user the credence to be attached to the intelligence; b) to indicate to the field collection activities the significant gaps in the intelligence; and c) to list the principal sources used in the development of the section.

Members were requested to stress the vital importance of Comments on Principal Sources to their working levels and to bring to their attention periodically NIS MEMO NO. 4 of 9 May 1949 which sets forth as a guide to analysts examples of Comments relating to three hypothetical situations: a) collection effort satisfactory; b) selective collection effort required; and c) comprehensive collection effort necessary.

6. The Chairman informed the Committee that CIA was authorizing the release of certain JANIS [REDACTED] pursuant to 25X1X7 a request received through G-2. [REDACTED] has received most of the 25X1X7 JANIS publications it was unnecessary for the Committee to take any action on this matter.

7. The Army member requested that the report of NIS Committee Meeting No. 104 be corrected in paragraph 7 by substituting "State" for "Commerce" in line 4. He said that it was State which prepared the summary economic reports from information received from a number of agencies, including Commerce.

8. The Chairman informed the Committee that D/B is developing a system of NIS errata and maintenance files which will contain significant commentary, additional information, and errata relating to future revisions of the NIS. These files will be maintained by NIS Areas and subject matter categories for the primary use of the Editorial Staff in D/B. However, key analysts in the contributing agencies should consult these files before undertaking revisions under the NIS maintenance program.

9. The next meeting of the Committee will be at the call of the Chairman. 25X1A9a

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